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A Larger Army to Be Formed.

The administration has decided that it is advisable to prepare now for possible needs in the Philippines when active campaigning is resumed at the close of the rainy season. Accordingly it adopts the plan of enlisting troops up to the full limit of the provisional army law by first recruiting the regular army to the full legal strength and then forming provisional regiments of volunteers. In pursuance of this plan it appears to be decided not to call upon the states for troops, as was done in the main during the war with Spain, but for the government to recruit the volunteer army direct through its own officers, thus forming regiments of United States volunteers, such as those organizations which in the late war were erroneously given the popular name of "immunes."

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The result of the democratic convention in Kentucky is the nomination of State Senator William Goebel for governor. That embraces all and explains all. A full week was spent in fighting rather than in deliberation, and it does not appear inappropriate that the winner should be the man whose iron resolution encouraged and directed the turmoil from first to last. He simply in the end came into possession of his own, and by methods which he represents and of which he makes no concealment.

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There will be many heartburnings as the result of this contest which, ordinarily, would be worth nothing to the opposition. But the republicans have trouble of their own, and it remains to be seen whether they are able, even under the spur of this encouragement, to pull themselves together for a first-class fight.

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a move has at last been made toward the full development of the park's beauties, which ought to bring about the desired results. Commissioner Beach has undertaken, as executive officer of the park, to expend the money granted by Congress at the last session to open up such thoroughfares as will permit the public to appreciate in a measure the beautiful possibilities of the reservation. These roads, following that seem to be the natural course, will doubtless fit well into any scheme of landscape work which may later be undertaken after expert consideration. They will enable members of Congress to inspect the park and so to legislate intelligently upon its needs. They will grant a larger degree of public use and will thus enable the people to judge as to the rare value of this investment. It is of course to be expected that in all the projects connected with this park due consideration will be accorded to its peculiar character as a natural landscape and that the most skillful assistance will be invoked in the preparation of the ultimate plans for its development. When properly opened to the public use and preserved from disfiguring constructions or other obstructions this park will become renowned as one of the finest reservations attached to any city in the world.

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